The Georgia State Board of Optometry met via Conference Call on **December 10, 2003** at 9:00 A.M. in the offices of the Secretary of State Professional Licensing Boards Division, Macon, Georgia for the purpose of conducting Board business.

## **Board Members present were:**

- Kay F. Royal, O.D., President
- R. Whitman Lord, O.D., Vice President
- Robin McGhee, O.D.
- William W. Cuthbertson, O.D.
- Dudley B. Christie, O.D.

## Others present were:

- Anita O. Martin, Executive Director
- Lea F. Williams, Board Secretary
- Wylencia Monroe, Board Attorney

Dr. Royal established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

## **OPEN SESSION:**

**Request of David E. Saliba, O.D.:** Dr. Cuthbertson made a motion to **approve** the request for a waiver of CE requirements due to medical hardship. The motion was seconded by Dr. McGhee and approved by the Board.

**Requests for Inactive status:** Dr. Lord made a motion to **deny** the requests based on O.C.G.A. §50-13-9.1 and the Board Attorney's advice, and to advise the licensees that the Board is working on revising the Inactive Status Rule. The motion was seconded by Dr. Christie and approved by the Board.

**Sanction/Renewal Information submitted by J.C.A.:** Dr. McGhee made a motion to **approve** the renewal. The motion was seconded by Dr. Christie and approved by the Board.

**Appreciation Plaque:** Dr. Lord made a motion to order a plaque for Dr. Jones to show the Board's appreciation for his years of service on the Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. McGhee and approved by the Board.

Dr. McGhee motioned, and Dr. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to enter into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) to deliberate on disciplinary matters, and/or to receive investigative reports. Voting in favor of the motion were all those present who included Drs. Cuthbertson, Christie and Royal.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Cognizant Member, Dr. Royal, presented case #99-29.

The Board reviewed and discussed the application for licensure submitted by M.L.C. that was tabled from the October meeting.

The Board returned to OPEN SESSION.

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<u>Case #99-029:</u> Dr. McGhee made a motion to **accept** Dr. Royal's recommendation to close the case and refer it to the Dispensing Opticians Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Christie and approved by the Board.

**M.W.C.:** Dr. Lord made a motion to **approve** the application for licensure. The motion was seconded by Dr. Christie and approved by the Board, with Dr. Cuthbertson recusing himself from the vote.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Conference Call adjourned at 9:45 A.M. on December 10, 2003.

Kay F. Royal, O.D., Board President

Mollie Fleeman, Division Director